



THE TEXTILE MUSEUM

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The Textile Museum Elects Nina E. Olson to Board of Trustees

May 1, 2008, Washington, D.C. — The Textile Museum's Board of Trustees elected Nina E. Olson as a new member at their December 2007 meeting. On accepting her appointment to the Board, Olson said "I am delighted and honored to join the Museum's governing body at this pivotal time for the institution. I believe The Textile Museum is poised to extend its reach and influence in order to cultivate a new generation of textile enthusiasts." She serves as a member of the Board's Budget and Finance, Legal and Development committees.



National Taxpayer Advocate Nina E. Olson has been elected to The Textile Museum's Board of Trustees.

Olson served on The Textile Museum's Advisory Council from 2005 to 2007. Her textile interests are wide-ranging. An avid weaver and seamstress, she is a student of carpet, textile and clothing design, structure and construction.

Her professional experience has focused on taxpayer advocacy. Olson currently serves as the National Taxpayer Advocate, an appointment she has held since 2001. In this capacity, she is appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury and reports to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue. Olson leads the Taxpayer Advocate Service, an organization of approximately 2,000 employees in 75 offices around the country, and reports to and testifies before Congress with recommendations for the top issues taxpayers face.

Previously Olson founded a low-income taxpayer clinic in Richmond, VA and in 1998 testified before Congress on behalf of low-income taxpayers. Her testimony resulted in the creation of a grant program to fund legal clinics for low-income taxpayers and taxpayers who speak English as a second language.

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Olson is a graduate of Bryn Mawr College (B.A.), North Carolina Central University (J.D.) and Georgetown University Law Center (LL.M. in Taxation). She resides in Washington, D.C.

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About The Textile Museum

Established in 1925 by George Hewitt Myers, The Textile Museum is an international center for the exhibition, study, collection and preservation of the textile arts. The Museum explores the role that textiles play in the daily and ceremonial life of individuals the world over. Special attention is given to textiles of the Near East, Asia, Africa and the indigenous cultures of the Americas. The Museum also presents exhibitions of historical and contemporary quilts, and fiber art. With a collection of more than 18,000 textiles and rugs and an unparalleled library, The Textile Museum is a unique and valuable resource for people locally, nationally and internationally.

The Textile Museum is located at 2320 'S' Street, NW in Washington, D.C. The Museum is open Monday through Saturday 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday 1 pm to 5 pm. Admission is free with a suggested donation of \$5 for non-members. For further information, call 202-667-0441 or visit www.textilemuseum.org.

In fall 2009 The Textile Museum will open an expansion site, dedicated to exhibitions and educational activities, in Washington, D.C.'s thriving Penn Quarter neighborhood. For more information about this exciting initiative, visit www.textilemuseum.org/expansion.htm.